



# First Associate Reformed PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

So much has changed over the years with technology. In the space of time that my family has had children, we have seen changes with cameras. We nervously spent a ton of money in our mid-twenties on a video camera as well as a nice camera (that used film!) so that we could capture memories of our babies. We had the film developed and put pictures in albums. Our videos were transferred to VHS tapes and copies even mailed to family. With the evolution of smart phones, computer technology, social media and the internet, that has all changed.

Since switching to a smart phone a handful of years ago, all photos and videos that we take upload to a “stream” in a “cloud”. On occasion I will relax and watch the many photos sweep by. It’s a run down memory lane! Sometimes our photo application will make a special slideshow from an event in our past. It’s a helpful way to remember what has taken place in days gone by.

Our church needs to remember and acknowledge snapshots of the year behind us! We do that each year by having an annual Homecoming Sunday with a luncheon following worship. This year’s Homecoming will be Sunday, September 24. Make plans to attend! Ham, turkey & drinks will be provided and the congregation is asked to bring fall-themed sides such as salads, vegetables, breads, & desserts.

It is also needful for the church to know where it is headed!

The officers of the church have spent time this year asking several important questions: *What is our mission? What are our values? What is needed to accomplish that mission? How may we involve our congregation in accomplishing our mission? What decisions need to be made in order to position our church for long-term viability?*

In order to present this information to you, the Session of First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is calling a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9:30 AM for the purpose of informing the congregation regarding the mission, values and vision of the church leadership and engaging all of us in the work of First A.R.P. Church as it seeks to accomplish her mission. This gathering will take place in the Fellowship Hall in place of Sunday School classes and there will, of course, be good food and drinks provided.

I hope that you will make plans to attend, take notes and participate in the exciting opportunity that our church has to accomplish her mission: We are a group of believers, united in Christ, for the glory of God, proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to Burlington and to the world.

Our church will be 53 years old on January 1, 2018. With our investment in the present and future of our church, our church will by God’s grace celebrate a 100th anniversary in the future. I’ll be an old man by then, many of us will be gone and Lord-willing, a new generation of believers will be carrying on our same mission. The future of our church does depend on our present investment, prayers and faithfulness to God’s gift of First A.R.P. Church! Let’s all put this important date on our calendars and see what the Lord has in store for our church.

This Sunday much is planned for your spiritual good. Our combined Sunday School class will continue the study of Heaven by considering the topic of “A Christian Funeral”. In worship, Philippians 3:12-16 will lead us to an understanding of the Lord’s ongoing work of grace in our lives. Christians have their sin pardoned by God in our justification and our sin nature is subdued in the ongoing work of sanctification. That leads us to understand several things as true and helpful to our Christian life: all of my past, present and future sins are covered by Christ’s death on the cross; until I reach heaven, God will continually help me grow in grace and win the struggle over sin; only when I reach heaven will that battle with sin be over; I must be diligent in the use of God’s tools to help me fight sin—word, sacraments, prayer, fellowship and suffering. On Sunday evening we will enjoy a simple supper after the service—sandwich fixings, chips and dessert. Our study will be Matthew 5:7—blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

I hope that you can take advantage of these opportunities for growth in grace. See you on Sunday!

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH & STRENGTH:

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's)  
Macon Baird (recovering from surgery to remove throat cancer, radiation treatment)  
Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)  
Jean Cathey (recovering from eye surgery)  
Sarah Gilmore (Jack Snow's finance's mother, major surgery & recovery)  
Ben Gregory (praise! passed CPA exam)  
David Huffman (recovering from detached retina repair surgery)  
Lola Knox (healing from cancer)  
Betty Mann (irregular heart beat, procedure)  
Ferald Mann (pain relief; visiting neurologist)  
Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)  
Christine Roberts (Ed Limon's sister, alzheimers, moved to Fayetteville VA Home)  
Mike Limon (Ed Limon's brother, recovering from open heart surgery)  
Becky Sneed (broke right arm at wrist)  
Audrey Turner (strength)  
Donna Wolffe (broke wrist)  
Cindy Wright (healing from infection, strength, healing with R.A.)

OTHER NEEDS:

Foy Evans' daughter, Justine Robare to find suitable employment now that they have moved to Elon

**Lift up our Deacons as they serve the body of Christ in stewardship of our facility, material needs and support for all ministry events.**

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Barber, Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, June Little, George McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Gene Parks, Mae Wilburn, Al Wright

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Lynn & Ed Limon

RETURNING STUDENTS, TEACHERS

EMERGENCY WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ARMED FORCES:

**Ask for God to grant wisdom for those who serve in seats of authority:  
parents, earthly masters, governors, judges and officers of the law.**

Josh Limon, stateside; Steven Mendiola, Middle East (wife, Maggie & Baby Aleighana born 8/16)

LOCAL CHURCH: Ambassador Presbyterian, Apex, NC

Pastors Warren Harvey & Dan Layman

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: Siloam Ministries

MISSIONARIES: Rebekah Carson, World Witness Missionary with the ARP to Germany  
Andrew & Norene Brunson in Turkey; pray for his release from prison

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES: [The ARP Magazine](#)

Read the digital version of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian magazine [here](#).

## FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, August 27	Choir Practice - 5 P.M.
Sunday, August 27	Simple Supper (sandwich fixings)
Sunday, September 3	Lord's Supper
Wednesday, September 6	Cat Kids - <b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Wednesday, September 6	Handbells Practice resumes - 6:30 P.M.
Monday, September 11	Men's Lunch @ Southbound - 12 noon
Monday, September 11	Men's Evening Gathering @ Panera - 7 P.M.
Tuesday, September 12	Ladies' Evening Book Study - 7 P.M.
Wednesday, September 13	Ladies' Bible Study - 11 A.M.
Wednesday, September 13	Cat Kids - <b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Wednesday, September 13	Handbells Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Sunday, September 17	Brunch & Town Hall - 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, September 24	Homecoming & Luncheon
Saturday, September 30	Operation Christmas Child Box Packing - 4 P.M., Fellowship Hall

### SAVE THE DATE

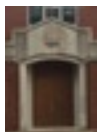
Saturday, October 14	Fall Festival
Tuesday, October 19	Piedmont Rescue Mission Banquet - 6 P.M.
Saturday, November 25	Hanging of the Greens - 9 A.M. (Breakfast provided)
Wednesday, November 29	Lessons & Carols <b>Rehearsal</b> - 6 P.M. (Supper provided)
Sunday, December 3	Lessons & Carols - 6 P.M. (Reception to follow)
Sunday, December 17	Christmas Caroling & Treat Bag Delivery - 6 P.M. (cookies & hot chocolate to follow)

### BIRTHDAYS

Foy Evans	August 30
Joyce Payne	August 31
Seth Spaulding	August 31
Gwen Hilton	September 4
Libby Cobb	September 6
Karen Hayes	September 6
Jill Roy	September 6
Carolyn Crotts	September 7
Doug Cobb	September 15
Ariel Constable	September 19
Larry Isley	September 20
Jackie Smith	September 24
Jillian Roy	September 29
John Snow	September 30

### ANNIVERSARIES

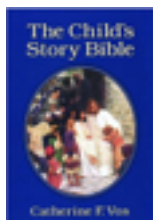
Vicki & Tom McPherson	September 4
Lynn & Tim Robinson	September 9



BRUNCH & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 HEAR VISION FOR OUR CHURCH!



**RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT**



The Child's Story Bible was originally written in 1935. This beloved Bible storybook is still wonderfully received by children today. More than 200 stories from the Old and New Testaments are retold in simple language, while remaining faithful to Scripture. This is a classic Bible-story book, covering events from Genesis through Revelation. Catherine Vos was the wife of a Seminary professor & knew the Bible well and loved it, and knew children well and loved them. The book helps young children understand the scope and significance of biblical events, not just the familiar stories.

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

Since 1992, Siloam Missionary Homes has provided a place for missionaries to call home, located on 33 acres in a gated village in Snow Camp, North Carolina. This is for short term stay, missionaries on furlough, extended stay and during transitional seasons for missionaries. Visit [silohomes.org](http://silohomes.org) for more information.

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	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Deacon on Duty</b>
<b>August 27:</b>	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Jay Snow	Stephen Robinson
<b>September 3:</b>	Laurene Howington & Donna Wolff	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens

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